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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/242,046	Applicant(s) HIRATANI ET AL.	
	Examiner Sonya McCall-Shepard	Art Unit 2813	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Sonya McCall-Shepard. (3) ____.
- (2) Gregory Montone. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 16 February 2012.

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal [copy given to: ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: n/a.

Issues Discussed ☐101 ☐112 ☐102 ☐103 ☒Others
(For each of the checked box(es) above, please describe below the issue and detailed description of the discussion)

Claim(s) discussed: ____.

Identification of prior art discussed: ____.

Substance of Interview

(For each issue discussed, provide a detailed description and indicate if agreement was reached. Some topics may include: identification or clarification of a reference or a portion thereof, claim interpretation, proposed amendments, arguments of any applied references etc...)

Examiner telephoned applicant's representative about the application. There are a number of filed claim sets and the examiner was not sure which set of claims to examine. Applicant proposed submitting a supplemental preliminary amendment cancelling all claims and presenting a new set of claims. Examiner was in total agreement with proposal.

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